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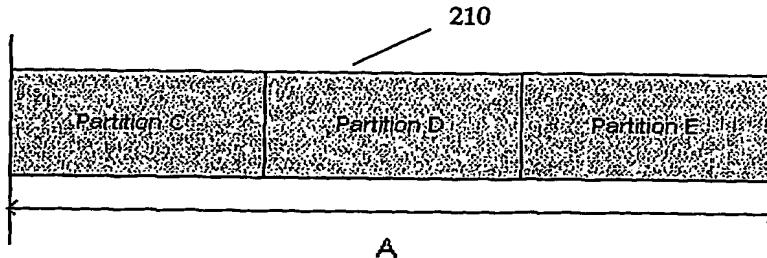
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computer's operating environment can be restored from the dynamic data files in the hidden partition (212). The dynamic data files in the hidden partition (212) include data up to the time of a failure of the computer's system.